Throw upon their counters this week large lots of

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REAL ESTATE

The following are the transfers of real estate filed in the recorder's office yester

day:

8 Woolard to C Aldrich, lot 4, block
2, Brooklyn Heights addition.....

Arkansas Valley Town Company to
A M Briggs, lot 1, block 19, Cheney
A C Forrest to M E Davis, lot 61
Douglas avenue, Martenson's
Fourth addition...

H Downing to M Harsch, lots 31 to
35, Douglas avenue, Oliver's subdivision.

J H De Weese to J C Strong, lots 77, 79 and 81, Fairmount avenue and A H Brubscher to E Chrisfield, lots

30 and 32, Los Angeles avenue, West Oak street addition. U G Musten to H Muston, lois 125 to U G Muston to H Muston, lots 125 to 134, Tyler avenue, Logan addition. C Beckley to J Miller, lots 55 and 65, Fairmount avenue, Ross addition. J W McNeal to D B Smith, lots 15 and 17 block 4, West Pine st add. J S Randall to W S Walton, lots 18 to 38 block 1, 25 to 35 block 2, West

Oak st add.

J S Kandall to W S Walton, lots 37 to 47 block 2, West Oak st add.

L O Phillips to L M Ballard, lots 54

to 63 and 24 to 34 Duncan ave; 63 to 71 and 54 to 62 and 2 and 4 Second st, Hanmer's add to Ciearwater, and lots 74 and 76, Pattle ave, Lin-coln st add to Wichita. 1600 H McNulty to A Kaufman, lot 44, Emporia ave, English's add. 1500

Notice to the Public. We will have an extra force of cierks to help take care of the rush at our store Sattay, and we advise all those who desire to buy groceries cheap for each to call on us. Read our price list elsewhere in this paper.

JOHN A. JEWETT & Co.,
d 95-2t.

Kansas City Excursion.

For the Firemen's tournament at Kan-For the Firemen's tournament at Kan-sas City, September 10 to 13, inclusive, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe ratiroad will sell round trip tickets at \$8.29 com-mencing sale on the 5th, continuing to September 12 inclusive; final limit Septem-ber 14. Call at city ticket office, 122 North Main street, and Union depot and Douglas avenue station. avenue station.

A Cooking Class

Will be opened Saturday afternoon at 2 p.
m. September 8, at 210 East Oak street. It
will be in charge of two competent Wichita ladies. They will use the system so
popular in eastern cities and teach practicallyall necessary dishes and many luxuries
and invalid dishes. This school will meet
the requirements of many inexperienced
housekeepers and of our young ladies.
This Saturday afternoon lesson will be
free of charge.

Read Jewett & Co. wonderuil y cheap advertisement of groceries in thepaper to-

interesting.

As so many contradictory statements have been made, the "Frisco Line" desires to impress upon the public generally that their rates, limits, stop-over privileges and conditions of cheap excursion tickets to Columbus, O., and return, which are on sale at Wichita September 7, 8 and 9, will be as liberal as those of any other line.

With the view of furnishing anaple accommodations for their pairons, the "Frisco Line" have added additional Pullman sleepers, elegant chair cars and

Pullman sleepers, elegant chair cars and day conches to their regular equipment day coxcles to their regular equipment during the time the increased travel is expected. Choice of many different routes given via St. Louis to purchasers. Bear in mind this line has two daily express trains to St. Louis without change, making direct connection in St. Louis Union depot with all castern times.

W. D. Murdock, ticket agent, 122 North Main street, will cheerfully furnish any further information desired.

further information desired. W. C. MEGVILLE, Traveling Passenger agent Frisco line. Louis, Mo. 13 5t

Too Many Goods for a Retail House. 20,000 cans new pack tomatoes at 10c, 1,500 cans pumpkin at 8c, 100,000 bars Kirk's White Russian scap at 4c per bar, 10,000 pounds jelly, "Van Camps," at 5c

5,000 pounds preserves, "Yan Camps,"

at 6c per pound. 5,000 pounds apple butter, "Van Camps" t 5c per pound.

1,000 6-pound boxes starch (Gilbert's) at city property at low rate.

unds (Chase & Sanborn's) finest 100,000 pounds granulated sugar, 12

pounds for \*1.
3,000 bottles pickles, catsups, etc., at half Save money and buy for each.

teed the cheapest grocery house in Kausas.

Juo A. Jewett & Co., 222 East Douglas avenue. Three doors east of the Zimmerly building. Telephone St. 75 6t

The most delightful health and pleasure resort in the west. Cheap excursion tickets now on sale. For further information and descriptive panaphiet, apply to W. D. Mardock, agent. 122 North Main street nd Union depot near Onk street, dol if

Blank building agreements, contracts, etc., for use by contractors and builders, for sale at this office. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Address the Wichita Exer., Wichita Kan.

M. M. Murdock & Bro., proprietors, printers, binders, publishers and blank book manufacturers. All kinds of county, township and school district records and blanks. Legal blanks of every description! Complete stock of justices! dockets and blanks. Job printing of all kinds. Correspondence solicited. Address all communications to

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R. P. Muedock, Manager,
d88-tf\* w24-tf Wichita, Kansas

Special to Attorneys. Just completed a large number of the "Attorney's pocket docket." For sale at this office. Money to loan on city property by S. L. Davidson Mortgage company rest Citizens

Look Here.
Only \$23 round trip to Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs, and \$45 for round trip to Sait Lake and Ogden, via the Missouri Pacific railway, the new short line. Puliman sicepers run through.

This office is prepared to turnish maniffa wrappers in sizes and quantities to suit purchasers, just as cheap as any house in the United States. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Address

The Wichita Eagle,

86 if Wichita, Kan. Take the new short line, C. K. & N. Rock Island route, to Kansas City, St, Joseph, Chicago and St. Louis. 114-tf.

Dassler's compiled laws and session laws for '87 for sale at this office at the standard

G. A. R. Attention.

leaving all points in time to reach Columbus on Monday, September 10, and be in time for the big parade, Tuesday, September 11, Remember these trains will leave your city so as to reach Missouri river points on the evening of the Sh. Exact envine time will be restrict the survival. aving time will hereafter be furnish Arrangements will be made to make ve-last time, and the well know populari of this line for taking cars of large crow isures the bulk of the business for the Great Rock Island Route." By taking his route you will not be annoyed about connections and transfers. One cent per mile is the rate: or, as low the lowest. Through Pullman sleepers

One cent per mile is the rate of the long of the longer of our world renowned dining cars will take care of the hungry. If you are going east to any point or intend sending your family, remember that the C. K. & N. is the route. No other line pretends to offer equal facilities. Engage four sloping cars at once, by applying at any amount. There is no kind of good second as the courty that I will not loan money on. No delay. W. T. Nash, over 110 N. Main st. Wichita, Kan., R. P. Murdock, Manager.

## ONLY A FEW DAYS LONGER AND

We Will be Ready

### To display our entire Fall Stock. THE PAINTERS MERCHANDISE

are now at work, and by the end of this week our

Two Storerooms

will be thrown into one, displaying the largest and most varied stock of

DRY GOODS. FURNISHING GOODS. FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS

> AND SHOES, ever shown in

# The City of Wichita MANY LINES OF GOODS

have been purchased, at far less than their cost of production.

ALL WILL BE SOLD

at a very small margin, giving our patrons full benefit

Close Purchases.

New pack tomatoes only 10 cents a can

Short Hand

Special to Township Trustees,

Attorney's pocket dockets for sale at this flice. Orders by mail promptly filled. ddress all orders to the Wichita EAGLE, Vichita, Kan.

READY AND FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE

Lawyers.

Or Transfer books for abstracters for sal at this office. Orders by mail promptly at tended to. Address the Wichita Eagle.

The S. L. Davidson Mortgage company

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Blank receipt books for sale at this office. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Address the Wichita Eagle, Wichita, Kan.

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For farm loans call at Lombard dortgage Company, Money paid as soon is papers are executed. d88-w50-if

You are especially invited to call at my new office, No. 149 North Main street, and witness the art exhibition of sewing machine work beginning today, and continuing every day during this week.

dN-1f HARRY W. MANNING.

The S. L. Davidson Mortgage ecupany has money to loan on farm and city pro-perty at lowest rate, 88-tf.

Free reclining chair cars are now running on all trains on the C. K. & N. railway, "Rock Island Route," between Wichita, Topeka, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Chicago 912

Canvassers Wanted.

A few reliable, experienced men who can furnish their own conveyance to sell nursers stock in eastern Kansas and western Misseuri. We will pay liberal compensation to the right kind of men. Those who speak German preferred. Apply to

HART PIONEER MUSSERIES.

d-88-10t Fort Scott, Kan.

as papers are executed.

Wichita, Kansas.

this office.

## invite those seeking bargains to inspect them We give You Values Unprecedented.

25 pieces all linen bleached damask worth 75 cents and \$1.00, for 59 cents.

10 pieces 74 inch cream (colored border) damask worth \$1.00, for 59 cents.

15 pieces colored border damask, worth 40 cents, for 25 cents 20 pieces genuine Turkey Red Damask guaranteed fast colors, worth 50 cents, for 33 cents.

IMMENSE SALE

on our ladies collars and cuffs in sets at 15 cents. 100 dozen ladies linen collars, 4 for 25 cents. 25 dozen ladies fine Jersey ribbed vests, worth

### GREAT RUN

On oua ladies cotton hoeiery, being slaughtered 2 pair for 25 cents.

ODDS AND ENDS In corset stock being cleared at 50 and 69 cents, worth from 75 cents to \$1.50.

Come This Week, It Will Pay You.

Best lemons only 15 cents a dozen at C I. Fuller's. d?9-tf A Book Worth 50c Free

FALL JACKETS.

75 very handsome Fall Jackets in all late shades, good value at \$6.00, for \$3.98.

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ONE CASE

Solid color Chambray Gingham, well worth 12 1-2 cents per yard, for 7 cents.

Large Lines of Dress Goods

Arriving.

20 pieces all wool Cashmere we offer at 37 1-2 cents.

PLUSHES VELVETS.

50 pieces dress style Ginghams usually sold at 10 cents, this week 7 1-2 cents.

15 pieces all wool flannel suiting to be sold

10 pieces all wool plaid dress goods for 85

35 pieces all silk plush, fully 18 inches wide,

pieces all silk velvet we show at 65 cents.

\$10.00, for \$3.98.

our price, 69 cents.

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To every scholar purchasing 82 worth of books or stationery from us next week. 9211 Romnson & Champion. Writers' note books for sale at Orders by mail promptly attended to. As dress The Wichita E.Ac.E, Wichita, Kan. 75tf Writers' note books for sale at this office Special to Township Trustees,
We have a complete line of books and
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THE WIGHTA EAGLE,
d109-tf Wichita, Kansas.

Note books for sale at this office. Mail orders promptly attended to. Address The Wichita Eagle, Wichita, Kan. 75tf

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Special Announcement.

A New and Imperiant Book for Kansas For the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., to be held at Los An "Kansas Pleading and Practice in Civil Lodge I, O, O, F., to be held at Los Angeles, California, September I7 to 21, 1885, inclusive, the Santa Fe route has made the following rates and offers a choice of all the routes; also the advantage of special excursion trains, to be run for the accomposition of Olid Fellows, their families, friends and others.

The "Odd Fellows" of Kansas have arranged to entertain the members of the fraternity en route to Los Angeles, at Topeka and Wichita, Kansas, and the Santa Fe route will tender a grand complimen. Cases," with forms. by frwin Taylor, of the Topeka bar, author of "Brief-Digest,"
"Annotated Code," etc. Octavo, 690 pages, \$6 net. Sent postpaid on receipt of price.

THE WICHITA EAGLE.
Wichita, Kan.

Each Township Treasurer should have a Treasurer's Record, Stray Record, Transcripts, Compiled Laws of 1885, and ssortment of blanks. For sale at peka and Wienta, Kansas, and the Santa Fe route will tender a grand compilmentary banquet at the famous Phoenix Hotel, Las Vegus Hot Springs, New Maxico. In order to carry out the program special ex-cursion trains will leave Kansas City Monday, September 10, and run in accord- C. I. Fuiler's.

ance with the tellowing timerary:
First day: Monday, September 10, leave
Kansas City 10:15 a. m., reception and
entertainment at Topeka. entertainment at Topeka.

Second day: Tuesday, September 11.

Arrive at Wichita 620 a. m. Reception and entertainment given by the i. O. O. F. and citizens of Wichita. Leave Wichita being found out that W. J. Rawlins is making the finest photos, large pictures and baye photos. In the land in the work of the second of the s

of sets of school records, including the new Third day: Wednesday, September 12.
Arrive La Junta 4 a. m. Here the excursion will be joined by the special train from Denver, Colorado Sprinzs and Pueblo, containing the Colorado delegabook (as required by law), register of war-rants presented to and paid by treasurer. Orders filed promptly.

THE WICHITA EAGLE, tion. Arrive Raton 8:30 a. m., breakfas Arrive at Las Vegas 1:00 p. m., dinner, Leave Las Vegas 1:20 p. m. for the Las Vegas liot Springs, arriving there about 2 p. m. Here during the afternoon the dress the Wichita Eagle, Wichita, Kan.

The C. K. & N. Ry. "Rock Island Route," are now running the most elegant chair cars between Wichita and Kansas City that are used in Kansas. This is the only line running chair cars on morning trains to Kansas City. This is the only line running chair cars through to Chicago. This is the only line running chair cars through to Chicago. This is the only line running chair cars through to Chicago. This is the only line running chair cars through to Chicago. This is the only line running chair cars through to Chicago. This is the only line running chair cars through to Chicago. This is the only line running chair cars through to Chicago. This is the only line running chair cars to Topeka and st. Joseph. This is the great line between Wichita and all points north, east and south. Call at No. 6, 200 a. 10. A portion of the day will be spent by the excursionists will have an opportunity for rest, recreation and sight seeing at this delightful resort, and in the evening a grand conplimentary banquet will be given by the Santa Fe route to all members of the excursion, whether Oddi Fellows or not, and this circular will be considered as an invitation to same. Leave Hot Springs 1 and Market and Lawrence and the excursion is suit by the Santa Fe 6,30 a. m. A portion of the day will be spent by the excursionists will have an opportunity for rest, recreation and sight seeing at this delightful resort, and in the evening a grand conplimentary banquet will be given by the Santa Fe route to all members of the excursion, whether Oddi Fellows or not, and the circular will be considered as an invitation to same. Leave Hot Springs 1 and invitation to same Leave Hot Springs 1 and invitation excursionists will have an opportunity for

a. m. Fourth day: Thursday, September 18th. Arrive Santa Fe 6:30 a. m. A portion of the day will be spent by the excursionists in this ancient, religious and civil capital full of interest to every stranger. Leave Santa Fe 3 p. m., arrive at Albuquerque

6.30 p. m. for supper. Leave Albuquerque 7 p. m.
Fifth day: Friday, September 14th. Arrive at Winslow for breakfast, 7 a. m. Leave 7:30, arriving at Canon Diablo about 8:30, Stop of ten minutes will be made here for inspection of this "hideous gash in the face of nature." Arrive at Williams 1 p. m. for dinner, Pench Springs for supper at 7 p. m.
Sixth day: Arrive at Barstow, Cal., for breakfast. San Bernardino dinner, arrive Los Angeles at 3 p. m.
Returning from Los Angeles choice of 30 different routes to Wichita and the east. 10 dollars—round trip—60 days limit. The most delightful bealth and pleasure resort in the west. Cheap excursion tickets now on sale. For further information and descriptive pampillat, apply to W. D. Mundock, agent, 122 North Main street and Union depot near Oak street, dol ti

co dollars—round trip—60 days limit. Purchasers can go anytine if they do not wish to join the regular excursion. W. D. Murbock,

Pass, Ticket Agt., 122 Main St., and Union

Scale books, coal tickets, etc., for sale at this office. Orders by mail will receive prompt attention. Address The Wichita EAGLE, Wichita Kan. The 'Frisco line are now running in their morning and night trains free reclining palace chair cars and Pullman palace steeping cars from Wichita to St. Louis, steeping cars from Wichita to St. Louis, without change. The Frisco is the only line running two solid trains between these points without changes of any class. Morning train now leaves Wichita at 10:10 a. m. and evening train at 9:20 p. m. W. D. Murdock, passenger and ticket agent, 122 North Main street. Union depot and Douglas avenue station.

Loans on improved farms made at lowest rates. Lombard Mortrage Com-pany. d89 w50-tf

The Centennial Exposition of the Ohio Valley, to be held at Cincianati July 4th to October 20th, with the exception of the National Centennial, will be the largest ever held in the United States.

Low Excursion Rates will be made by lines entering Cincianati and their connections. From St. Louis and the West the Ohio & Mississippi It'y is the only direct through car route. By this line those who attend the G. A. R. National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, for which very low rates will be made, and those going farther east to the different summer resorts can stop over at Cincinnal and visit the Exposition.

Fresh smoked white fish and halibut at 3, 1, Fuller's, dis2-tf New pack tomatoes only 10 cents a car

To Real Estate Agents

Best lemons only 15 cents a dozen at C.
Fuller's.

Stenographers'

Docket real estate books for lands and lots, for sale at this office. Orders by mail promptly filled. Address all orders to The Wichitza Eagles. Wichita, Kan. R.
P. Murdock, Manager.

Blank charters and blanks for sale by THE WICHITA EAGLE, Wichita, Kausas. Blank charters and all kinds of legal Notice to Work Poll Tax.

All persons who have been notified by the undersigned to work on the streets as per city ordinance, failing to appear at the time and place specified in said notice, will on and after this date be promptly dealt with according to law, and warrants for their arrest be issued against them without further notice. J. N. STONE, Street Commissioner, Wichita, Kan., May 14, 1888. 154 tf

Blank note books for sale at this office Orders by mail promptly attended to. Address The Wichita EAGLE, Wichita, Kan.

School Books at Wholesale and Retail,

School books and stationery. Rolinson & Champio Fresh smoked white fish and halibut at

Educational headquarters. Robinson &

and baby photos to be had in the Take the new short line, C. K. & N. Rock Island route, to Kansas City, S. Joseph, Chicago and St. Louis. 114-tf

Best lemons only 15 cents a dozen at C.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe have now in their night train service leaving Wichita at 9:30 p. m., the latest and most Wichita at 9:30 p. m., the latest and most approved pattern of free reclining chairs. These cars will be run daily. In addition to this, Philman service on morning train from Newton, and through Pullman cars daily on the 9:30 p. m. train to Kanass City, Atchison and St. Joseph.

W. D. MUNDOCK,

Pass, and Ticket Agent, 122 North Main street, Union Depot and Douglas avenue station.

On and after Saturday, September 8 until further notice, cars will run as follows on the Wichita & Subarban line. Car will leave First and Main streets on each hour for Fairmount from 7a m. until 10 p. m. Also car leaving at 7:29 a. m. and 6:20 p. m. connect with Fairmount. Car will leave First and Main for car works at twenty minutes after each hour from 7:20 a. m. until 9:20 p. m. Car leaves First and Main for Fifteenth street at forty minutes after each hour from 7:40 a. m. until 9:40 p. m. Car will leave Fourth avenue and William street at 6 a. m. for Fairmount and car works.

Science Starkmen.

The valuable farm known as the Peck ranch, situated 2 miles below Toronto, on the Verdigris river, in Woodson county, Kansas, will be sold at sheriffs sale at the court busis in Versa Canta. Kansas, will be sold at sherills saie at the court house in Yates Center, county seat of sald county on the 24th of September next at 1 o'clock p. m. This tarm is well improved and the best farm in every respect in the state. Don't fail to see it.

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Just Weeklyd.

A new and elegant line of fall suitings and overcoating by Bruggeman, the artistic tailor, 214 North Main street. 94 6t Kansas University of embalming meets at Topeka September 18th and 19th, at 16 o'clock a.m. H. W. KENDLE, President, M. W. BROWN, Secretary. 94 10t

Charters. Blank charters and all kinds of legal blanks for sale by THE WIGHITA EAGLE, Wichita, Kansas. Rental Agencies.

Rent registers for sale at this office. Orders by mail will receive prompt attention. Address the Wichita EAGLE, Wich-All Drivers have positive orders to pre-vent passengers from getting on and off front platform of cars, or stand on the

Fassengers must keep off of the front platform. Wighita Street R'r Co. Noney-Short Time Money
To loan on chattel security. Live stock, notes, lewels, also cash paid for stocks or goods. Under Citizens Bank. d71-lm\*

Free reclining chair cars are now running on all trains on the C., K. & N. R'y, "Bock Island Route," between Wichita, Topeka, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Chicago, St. Louis.

Fresh smoked white fish and halibut at C. L Fuiler's. d02 tf

Grand Army of the Republic. Cheap rates to Columbus, O., and re-turn, via the Missouri Pacific railway, turn, via the Missouri Pacific railway.
The shortest line by 48 miles. The quickest time by one hour and a half. Leave
Wichita at 11:40 a, m., arrive at Columbus,
7:55 p. m. the following day. Tickets will
be on sale sept. 7, 8 and 9. For further information call at city ticket office, 137
North Main st. E. BLEGKLEY,
d02tf. Pass. and ticket agent.

New pack tomatoes only 10 cents a car at C. I. Fuller's. d92-tf runs a dark streak, which if cut transversel

ast Train to St. Louis and the East via the Composed of day coaches, elegant free reclining chair cars, and Pullman sieepers, leaves Wichita at 11.35 a.m. runs through to St. Louis solid, arriving there at 6:40 a.m., next day. This is one and one-balf hoursquicker than any other line running both reclining chair cars and Pullman sleepers from here through with-out change. City ticket office 137 Main

E. E. BLECKLEY,

WHAT MAKES THE SUMMER! It is not the lark's clear ton Cleaving the morning air with a soaring cry. Nor the nightingale's dulcet melody all the balmy

Not these alone
Make the sweet sounds of summer;
But the drone of beetle and bee, the murmurous hum of the fly And the chirp of the cricket hidden out of sight— These help to make the summer.

side weeds

One heaven bends above;
The low-liest head of times hath sweetest rest;
O'er song bird in the pine, and bee in the ivy low,
Is the same love, it is all God's summer;
Well pleased in He if we patiently do our best,
So hum, little bee, and low green grasses grow,
You kelp to make summer.

—Marietta Holley in Queries.

An Examination on Matrimer

I suppose it will not be long before in female seminaries they have lectures on divorce. There are always various forms of lectures on matrimony. And as divorce is growing to be a regular experience, why, it will be just as well that something about the law on both subjects should be taught in schools. Time was when the mother was proud to see her daughter settled in life by marriage. But nowadays there is so much uncertainty about it that old folks have to keep a spare room always ready for her return. By and by in colleges we will have a regular examination on the subject.
"What is the difference between mar-

Answer-Merriage contracts two into one; divorce expands one into four.
"What is marriage, anyway?"

"Marriage is an experiment for the bene-fit of a second husband." "What is divorce?" "Divorce is a vacation in matrimony." "Which party is wrong in a divorce

"The party that gots married again "What is a marriage license?

"A pawn ticket for love."
"What is the divorce court?" "A matrimonial clearing house."
"What is the register of marriages?" "The deemeday book of women." "Why do men marry?"

men."
"Why do women marry?"
"Heaven only knows."
Chronicle "Undertones."

A correspondent wants to know why rallway companies do not arrange to have all passengers go out at the front end and enter at the rear end of a car. He doesn't know the perversity of the average pas-senger, or he wouldn't ask this question. If a railway company should try to en-force such a rule it would meet with the pig headed opposition of nearly half the passengers in every car. Americans, in-dividually, are a bright people, but in a crowd they act as though they were not.

The Gethic Alphabet Geing.

Those who are obliged frequently to refer to German books are especially interested in the movement to introduce the Roman in place of the Gothic alphabet. Since 1986 the seciety which is agitating this matter has nearly doubled in numbers. On its lists are now over 4,495 to the seciety which is agitating the matter has nearly doubled in numbers. On its lists are now over 4,495 to the second product of the se names, including members of all profes-sions, teachers, physicians, booksellers and merchants. In 1836, out of 6,913 books on artistic, scientific, mercantile and industrial subjects, 5,316 were printed with the Reman letter. Science

As every negro, even the most debased, is sure of salvation, and speaks with confidence of his place in heaven, where he will "set at de same table ez de white folks," it is not strange that he revels in signs portending death. His beaven, like the Mussulman's, ione of sensual delights, and corpses and fun-erals are to him a great joy. To put a black pin into a child's dress, to try on any one's mourning garments, to open an umbrella in the house, to break a looking glass, to carry a spade through the house, are all signs of death. To drive a nail after dark, except in

them is a grievous misfortune.

NEGRO SUPERSTITION.

AFRICAN FETICHISM SOFTENED BY

CONTACT WITH CIVILIZATION.

Charms Worn for Protection Against the

Death-Various Ludierous Notions.

the witches, every negro nailed to his cabin door a horseshoo. This charm, however, had no power unless it had been accidentally found. The "white folks at de big house"

were often presented with one of these witch defiers, and if they failed to use it, the giver,

pityingly and surreptitiously, nailed it somewhere on "marster's" premises.

Old negro nurses teach their charges that

the tangles which after a night's sleep are

dead of night, exhausting their strength

foul sisterhood silver dimes and five cent

and suspended from the neck, are unrivaled

blessed by a Voudoo priestess, constitute a Grigri, which is a marvelous foil against the

Evil One. In southern Louislana there are

"Cunjur Niggers" - Signs Portending

making a coffin, will bring death; and any man so unfortunate as to bury three wives will bury six. A spider seen in the morning brings good luck; at noon, disappointment; and in the evening, bad luck. If accidentally a garment be put on wrong side out, and if it be worn that way until noon, and then turned, the wearer will have good luck. To give a knife or scissors to a friend is to sever friendship, except, indeed, a bent pin be given in return, which averts the impending rupture. The Roman Catholic negroes of southern Louisiana will not cut a banana crosswise, because through its center

presents the appearance of a cross. To avoid this sacrilege the fruit must be broken They accept the Bible literally, and as they receive it in most grotesque form from their "preachers," it is little wonder that their conception of things spiritual is distorted. With-out a pang of conscience they will eat the chickens from a neighbor's hen roost, the pigs from his pen, the melons from his "patch," but cannot be induced to commit the unpar-

treating you, and you must immediately M. Y." in St. Louis Republic.

succeed in spitting in your side. burn, then some one is talking in your lavor; a great many of the Mexican people are, I succeed in spitting in your right ear, you silence your enemy. If a knife, fork or scissors in falling sticks up in the floor, pre-pare for visitors; also if a black cock crows three times in succession at the back door The possession of a frizzly ben means good luck to the owner, while two frizzly hens de-note a measure of prosperity which rouses

the jealousy of "ole Satan." There is a ludicrous belief that to step over the outstretched legs of any one will stop his further growth. But the evil spell will work backward, for by stepping back over the legs they resume their suspended work of de-

velopment. No work in garden or field can be done without regard to lunar phases. An old auntie in my family would never make scap except in the full of the moon, and then the scap must be stirred only one way. Her scap stick, of rare virtues and great age, was believed to have certain occult powers, which made it popular among the soap making sisters.

Ask a negro man why he wears a brans

ring in one ear, and he tells you it will cure sore eyes. Chills and fever are cured by swallowing cobweb pills, and the pain from any insect bite is instantly removed by rubbing the puncture with three kinds of grass. What folly to endure warts when by rubbing them with a piece of stolen fat becon, and then burying it secretly, the waris will dis-appear in a few days. So, too, why weary the flesh with looking for a lost article when you need only to throw something away to find the thing mislaid? Your mind, however, must be fixed upon the thing lost to succeed, so that here one of the elements of the faith cure seems to come in. Any lady who throws away the combings after dressing her hair will suffer with headache, for the birds weave this hair into their nests.

The young generation of negroes; who are now skimming over the contents of a multitraie of text books with high sounding names, are in bond to the same superstitions which enchain their fathers. Not all of the mental and moral philosophy set down in the books with which they are burdened can break the thrall cast by the witch and the "cunfur man," while the study of the higher mathe-matics has not yet developed that reasoning faculty which exercises the incarnate devil with all his gailimantry of evil spirite into the limbo of unbelief—Harper's Bauer.

WHAT IS LITERARY MERIT!

What Is the Agreed Upon Standard? trinsic Literary Worth.

What constitutes "literary merit?" Each editor thinks he knows. So does each literary critic. So do the people who will tell you that the poems or essays or books that live are possessed of it. There is a sort of agreed upon standard, known in a range way by literary people and in a vague way by literary people and represented by our best periodicals. By all means keep this standard high, and keep yourselves up to the standard, but at the same time, once in a while, let your mind dwell upon the lesson con-tained in the parable of the widow's mite. If poems or prose writings had intelli-gence, and could think for themselves, there would be one infallible test for in-trinsic value that they might append to themselves after they had stood the fur-ther test of time: "Only remembered for what I have done." For instance, several what I have done. For instance, several years ago a little poem appeared in one of our daily papers from a local author. I cannot think he was paid for it, nor can I think any other paper ever thought it worth copying for its own columns. I worth copying for its own columns. I well remember glancing over it with a little bit of contempt in my mind and a good deal of indifference, and feeling sure it was quite without "literary merit." It was about the "beby bow," a very hackneyed subject, you will all agree.

Well, the other day my pride of judgment received a humiliating blow. A woman, good and true, in the humble ranks of life, had seen this poem. Her own baby her was called far washa old.

and perhaps she had let creep into ner heart the thought that he was something of a burden, with poverty and hard work pressing upon her each day. The little poem struck a higher, better chord than that, and the tune of her thoughts grew sweeter. She cut it out of the paper and tucked it into the sewing machine drawer, and learned it, a line at a time, as she sat at work. Nor did it stop there; around among the neighbors it went, and brought many a blessing to the little babies in the poor, crowded houses.

Question: "Did the poem have literary Evil One-The Belief in Witches and The contact of the African with a mighty civilization modified and softened his fetichism, and today his superstition is of a different fiber. He is a firm believer in a personal

poor, crowded houses.

Question: "Did the poem have literary merit?" Certainly, its simple phraseology, its humble truth, its honest purpose, spoke to the mind as well as the heart of these people as one of Browning's sonnets could not have dena.

Again: There is, devil, and accepts him with all time honored stage properties—horns, tail, cloven foot and red hot pitchfork. For protection against this awful one the negro wore the greatest number of charms. To ward off his familiars

could not have deno.

Again: There is a housekeeping paper published in one of our western cities. "Very erdinary," I have been wont to pronounce it, and after a cursory, indifferent perusal I have sent away my numbers to a little housekeeper on a Virginia farm. She is a brave little woman, left, at the age of 14, by the death of her mother, to bring up the three younger children and do the housework. Very limited was her schooling, of course. For two years, now, she has had this housekeeping journal, and I have had her occasional letters. And how she has grown mentally! It must have been the "literary merit" in that paper that I called ordinary, and could not waste my time upon.

apt to appear in the hair are knots tied by witches, and everybody in the southern states is familiar with the darkies' belief that witches ride horses and mules in the waste my time upon.

There is apparent literary value and an intrinsic one, I feel bound to admit. There may be two ways of considering whether a poem or a book lives. If it is To ward off the approach of any of the printed over and over again at the de-mand of the people, all the world knows it lives. But it sometimes happens that it is printed only once, is caught up by some heart, passed on and on in word or pieces with a hole in them, strung on a cord Odds and ends of bones strung together, and influence, and the good it does never dies. Is it not really "literary merit" that makes it live—the mode of its expression as well as its inherent thought! I am asking; for large numbers of negroes who believe that certain other negroes have commerced with Satan, receiving from him a liberal endowment of his diabolic powers. These are known as "cunjur niggers," who can "houat the very end of my remarks, with a full recognition of the value of high standards, with a just respect for editors, critics and cultivated readers, but with doo" you. To incur the ill will of one of an equally ardent appreciation of compar-ative value, I bumbly confess that I do not know what "literary merit" really is.

—Juniata Stafford in Belford's Magazine.

> In a Mexican Market Square, Passing on through the market place I

emerged suddenly from a side efft into the market square. Just in front of me sat four or live groups surrounding a bunch of smoking faggots, and as I ap-proached them a little girl or boy would step forward and offer for sale strings of glass beads or baskets of images made by Indians from clay. I bought several of these images and narrowly escaped being cheated in the process, for the little rogues who are playing merchants know when they have a stranger to deal with, and, although they smile at you, showing their white, pearly teeth, they will give you

the wrong change if they can.

Just beyond these groups I saw other groups scated about large, square holes, which had been dug in the ground. At first I could not understand this, but after awhile I found out that they were engaged in roasting the century plant. The holes in the ground were apparently three feet deep and perhaps four feet across the top. Inside these holes they had placed a half dozen stalks of the plant over smoking faggets, and from the smoldering fire there issued a volume of smoke and the sound of escaping pulque. chickens from a neighbor's hen roest, the pigs
from his pen, the melons from his "patch,"
but cannot be induced to commit the unpardonable sin of eating a dove.

If a black cat enters your house you will
receive money, an itchine calm denotes the receive money; an itching palm denotes the went away munching on it as though it same thing, while an itching sole signifies was the leg of a chicken. The junce of that you will travel. Should your right ear the magney is sweet and intexicating, and

was taught in the Swedish language

In a Mormon Sunday School. It is easy to see how largely the foreign element prevails here among the Mor-mons. There were in Utah in 1880 about 44,000 foreigners to 100,000 natives, and since then there have been about 15,000 Mormona immigrants. are chiefly English and Scandinaviane, and you may see Swedish faces every where. In the Sunday school which I visited there was a Swedish class which

was taught in the Swedish language.

This Sunday school is worthy of mention. After the administration of the sacrament the school divided up into classes, and in these classes the seven were always separated. During my visit one of the feliclers kept constantly with me as I went from class to class, and it seemed to me that the teaching was irrealy for the heading the wisitor eather. seemed to me that the teaching was largely for the benefit of the visitors rather than for the scholars. I was offered the "Book of Mormon" and asked to read with the pupils in turn as the reading went around the class. After reading a chapter a young man explained it mink as we Gentiles do in one of our Christian vector readings and by the prayer meetings, and he told us how a pranch of the Israelites came to the American continent and how the Lord again appeared upon the earth and chose his aposites here. He told how the rec-ord of his teachings in America among the aboriginal trikes was transmitted upon the golden plates of the Book of Mur-mon, and how these were found in the state of New York. It was interesting as a romance, but I grew thred before he was through and left.—Salt Lake Letter.

A Female Book Agent's Triamph. There is a crusty old bachelor who has an office in one of the tall buildings on La Salle street. His pet aversion is the book canvasser, although he has a score of minor aversions, all of which serve to bring out the rough side of his nature. The other day he was visited by a modest

The other day he was visited by a modest looking young lady, who was soliciting subscriptions for the "Art Treasures of Italy," in the endeavor to provide for the wants of her widowed mother and herself. As she entered the door the old man looked up, and, without waiting to learn the mission of his fair visitor, yelled out: "I haven't any money to give away for charity today," and went on with his writing. The young lady advanced still further into the room, and arain the old fellow sailed out: "And I'. again the old fellow called out: "And I never buy any tickets for Sunday school excursions, either." By this time the young lady had approached the dear and

"What! A book peddler! No, ma'm; no books for me. Haven't time to talk

man.
"The Ethics of True Politeness," was

the reply.

"How's that?" sputtered the old gentleman, and his face grew red. "Come here, young woman; but's me what you've got to self." And in less than ten minutes thereafter

the name of the crusty old man atom her subscription book. Chicago Here

A London correspondent writes from Pin-land that a property bolder in one of the interior towns of the province left a will be queathing all his possessions to the devil. The dead man's family protested that the will was void, but the Pinnish lawyers were disinclined to interfere with the rights of so formitable a personage as the new legates and, the correspondent adds, the devil has become, by legal right at least a Fipping landowner.—New York Tribute.

to you. Go away and don't come here any mere."

The girl turned away somewhat angry and seriously disappointed, but sha said quiletly. "There is one book, sir, you ought to buy and study well."

What's that? gruiny inquired the eld man.